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National Forest
Unexcelled Climate
Unsurpassed Scenery
State Game Refuge
17 Peaks Over 5,000
Feet High
Ideal Dairy County
Creamery, Cannery
Excellent Highways
Cheap Electric Power
for Industries
Law-abiding Citizenship

100,000 H. P. Undeveloped Water Power
Abrasive Materials
Copper, Timber
Precious and Semi-Mica, Kaolin, Asbestos, precious Gems
Abundance Good Labor
Ample Transportation Facilities
Pure, Clear Water
Productive Soils

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DAIRY INDUSTRY GROWS RAPIDLY

More Than 100 Percent Increase in Less Than Three Years at Franklin—Prospects Bright For Continued Growth.

That the people of Macon and adjoining counties, both in North Carolina and in Georgia, are making rapid progress in dairying is indicated by the amount of money paid out by the Nantahala Creamery company of Franklin during the year which ended on May first. During the year mentioned the local creamery issued for butter fat 13,836 checks amounting to \$71,107.79. This money was divided among 600 farmers who sell butter fat to the creamery. Of the total amount mentioned above the farmers of Macon received \$39,109.28, or slightly more than half. Such is the information given to the members of the local Rotary Club Wednesday by A. B. Slagle, owner and manager of the creamery.

The creamery here began operations in July 1926 and during the first year paid out approximately \$35,000 for butter fat. Since that time there has been a steady increase in the production of cream each year until now the increase over the first year's production amounts to more than 100 percent. Due to the diminishing supply of forest products on privately owned lands in Macon county the farmers, to a great extent each year, are resorting to dairying as a source of steady income. Mr. Slagle and others who are familiar with the situation state that the prospects for a continued increase in the production of butter fat in Western North Carolina are exceedingly bright.

Hunnicuttt Now Branch Manager

It was announced here Thursday of last week that Mr. E. P. Clemmens, for the past several months local branch manager of the Jupollo Public Service company, has resigned his position to accept another with the Georgia Marble company of Tate, Ga. During their stay here both Mr. and Mrs. Clemmens have made many friends who regret to see them leave. Mr. E. S. Hunnicutt of Franklin succeeds Mr. Clemmens as manager of the company here. Mr. Hunnicutt has had wide experience in the business world. The people of Franklin have received the announcement of his appointment as branch manager with a great deal of pleasure.

COUNTY SELLS BONDS

The county has received \$100,000 on the sale of bonds authorized by the last general assembly. This money will be used to pay off short term notes made by the former board, stated Mr. J. O. Harrison, county manager. In fact one note for \$50,000 has already been paid. Another for \$40,000 due Bray Brothers of Greensboro is in dispute. Mr. Harrison states that the former board paid Bray Brothers \$1900 presumably in connection with the renewal of notes. Mr. Harrison contends that this firm is entitled only to the interest. It is said that the county will make every effort to have the \$1900 refunded.

Ladies' Societies Meet

Thursday May the 15th the Ladies of the Missionary Society of Bethel and Ladies Aid Society of Iotla, met in a joint meeting at the parsonage on Bonny Crest for the purpose of making window curtains for the parsonage.

Those present from the Bethel Missionary Society were: Mrs. Sparr, Mrs. Tom Sanders, Mrs. Will Downs, Mrs. Ed. Horn, Mrs. Charlie Cabe, Miss Hatie Lee Cabe, Mrs. John Bryson and grand-daughters.

Those present from the Iotla Ladies Aid Society were: Mrs. Josephine Poindexter, Mrs. R. L. Poindexter, Mrs. Jim Myers, Mrs. Leon Sloan, Miss Irene Sloan, Mrs. Dock Jacobs, Mrs. Albert Ramsey, Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey, Mrs. Lee Tallent and daughter.

Mr. R. L. Poindexter and Mr. Leon Sloan assisted Rev. Freeman in putting up the rods for the curtains.

A delightful lunch was served to twenty-three by Mrs. Freeman, hostess. The ladies of the societies have had the parsonage painted inside, and the men the outside, also one bed and dresser, have been added to the furnishings of the parsonage.

An unusual enjoyable day was spent through the hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Freeman. We hope by another year, we will have another meeting similar to this one.

Boy Scout Who Will Explore Smokies



This is "Billy" Greet, 16 years old Eagle Scout of Asheville, who has been selected as the best qualified Boy Scout in Western North Carolina and will accompany the Great Smoky Mountains Exploration Expedition in June.

HARRIS ACCEPTS THE INVITATION

Col. Wade H. Harris, Editor of Charlotte Observer, Coming to Macon County's Centennial.

Col. Wade H. Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, has announced his intention to be present at the centennial of Macon county on June 15th. An acceptance of the invitation extended to him by the committee was received here last Saturday. In his acceptance letter Col. Harris states that he is looking forward to the centennial, "as an occasion that will give me opportunity to say something more for that delightful section of the state." The Colonel is constantly complimenting Western North Carolina in the editorial columns of his paper. Commenting upon the acceptance of Col. Harris to attend the centennial a prominent citizen of Franklin made the remark that the Colonel is doing more to advertise Western North Carolina than any other man in the state.

WOOL SALE

Dear Sheep Grower:
The cooperative wool sale will be held Friday morning, May 24 at Franklin Depot. BE THERE BEFORE 12 O'CLOCK.

Clean wool, free from burrs and manure tags will bring 40c lb and wool containing burrs and manure tags will be from 2c to 5c loss depending on the amount it contains. There will be 1/2c per pound deducted to cover expense of getting it to Sylva and packing it in wool bags. It will be weighed and graded there then I will mail your check to you. I will do the weighing and check on the grading.

We wrote 29 of the largest wool buyers in the United States and 40c was the highest bid so I feel sure we are getting the top market price at this time. Macon, Swain and Jackson counties are selling in this sale and the three will have about 18,000 pounds.

I am counting on you being here before 12 o'clock Friday with your wool for with real good cooperation this year will help us to get better prices in the future years.

F. S. SLOAN, County Agent.

Will Rebuild Club House

According to an announcement made here recently by H. G. Robertson, attorney for the owners of the Highlands golf course, the golf course club house burned at Highlands recently will be rebuilt at once. It is understood that the same plans will be used with the exception of a few slight changes.

BILLY GREET WINS HONOR

The Western North Carolina Boy Scout organization has selected "Billy" Greet, 16 years old Eagle Scout of Asheville, to accompany the Great Smokies Exploration Expedition in June. Charles Fisher, 17 years old Eagle Scout of Biltmore, was chosen first alternate and Fred Miller, 16 years old Life Scout of Brevard, second alternate. The alternates will hold themselves in readiness to join the expedition in case the boy ahead of them is prevented from going at the last minute.

The judges in the final elimination declared they had never seen finer boys than the ten Scouts from whom the winners were chosen. They said any one of the ten could have accompanied the expedition with credit to himself and the Boy Scout organization.

Fisher was awarded a gold medal for winning second place and Miller a silver medal for third place. The awards were presented by The Asheville Times, sponsor of the expedition.

The other seven boys were awarded bronze medals for winning out in the district contests. Those who got bronze medals were: Robert Louis Bolton, Jr., Hendersonville; Frank Askey, Sylva; Harry Eugene Whisenhunt, Whittier; James Weaver Kirkpatrick, Canton; Frank Watson, Burnsville; John Acee, Asheville; and Melvin Williams, West Asheville.

Mrs. Potts, 67, Highlands Woman Taken By Death

Highlands, May 16.—Mrs. W. T. Potts, 67 years old, died at her home here Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, after a long illness. She recently had undergone an operation.

Mrs. Potts, wife of Rev. W. T. Potts, pastor of the Highlands Baptist church, had lived in Macon county all her life. She had long been a leader in the work of the Baptist church, and had a wide circle of friends, both in and out of her church.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Guy Paul, of Highlands and six sons, J. E., S. H., C. C., W. R., S. E., and A. B. Potts. The funeral services were to be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Baptist church here, with interment following in the Highlands cemetery. —Asheville Times.

Open Law Offices

Attorney McKinley Edwards of Bryson City has opened a law office in the McCoy building at Franklin. Mr. Edwards gets quite a bit of practice in Macon county and evidently found he needed a law office here.

W. L. McCoy has also opened a law office in his building. He is also handling real estate.

PIANO RECITAL IS A SUCCESS

Miss Mattie Angel, Music Teacher, Recipient of Many Congratulations—Little Boys and Girls Make Fine Showing.

At the annual piano recital at the school auditorium last Friday night the little boys and girls who are studying music under Miss Mattie Angel made a favorable impression before a large audience who turned out for the occasion. At the close of the recital Miss Mattie Angel, music teacher, was the recipient of many congratulations on the progress made during the year. Without exception all the little boys and girls performed exceptionally well. Musicians who were present at the recital were profuse in their complimentary remarks about the success of the musical department of the school.

The following named students took part of the exercises: Betty Rogers, Chloebelle Bleckley, Charles Hunnicutt, Dixie Nell Hurson, Robbie Gay Mock, Mildred Harris, Chloebelle Moore, Mae Freeman, Lois Henry, Hugh Johnston, Floyd Wyman, Virginia Slagle, Grace Conley, Betty Leach Roseland Bulgin, Elizabeth Dowdle and Margaret Franks.

Bryson City Wins Golf Tournament

The tournament season of the Franklin Golf Club opened last Saturday with a bout between Sylva, Bryson City and Franklin. At the end of two rounds Mr. Grady Doughton of Bryson City, and Mr. S. H. Lyle Jr., of Franklin tied for a low score. After playing off the tie, Mr. Doughton came out low man, Bryson City thereby winning the tournament. Another tournament between neighboring towns, will be announced soon. The Club is planning to have a ladies' tournament also, between Franklin and other towns a little later in the season.

On next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and 29 at 2:00 P. M., the qualification will be played to select Franklin's nine lowest men to compromise the Golf team.

Thursday afternoon, May 23, at 3:00 P. M., the first Scotch Ball Tournament will be put on, and there will be one on each Thursday afternoon until October 1st.

A prize will be given to the lady making the lowest score at each tournament, and at the end of the season prizes will be awarded the lady and the gentleman holding the lowest average for the entire season.

Centennial Notes

The Governor regrets that previous engagements have taken all of his time and he cannot attend our celebration.

The continued rains have prevented any more planting on the bus route, or other civic improvements.

The following are asked to serve on June 15th: To procure hams; Mrs. T. M. Slagle, Mrs. Carl Slagle, Mrs. Gus Setser, Mrs. Moody; Bread and cake, Mrs. Lyman Higdon, Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Moody; Coffee and lemonade, Mrs. Zeke Byrd, Miss Nora Leach; Spoons, cups, etc.; Mrs. Bert Slagle, Mrs. Will Cunningham; Stenders booths, etc.; Mrs. S. L. Rogers, Mrs. F. L. Siler. To assist Mrs. T. J. Johnston: Mrs. C. C. Cunningham, Mrs. George Slagle, Miss Rankin.

The chapter was glad to welcome Mrs. Byrne as a new member of the last meeting.

Crunkleton Bests Stewart

Last week The Press carried a story to the effect that Will Stewart had seen an apple tree blown down by the wind and then placed in its original position by the same agency. And now comes Tom Crunkleton of Highlands who goes Will one better, in fact several better. According to a story brought to Franklin by John W. Edwards Mr. Crunkleton claims to have seen a whole orchard blown down and then blown upright again. Mr. Crunkleton failed to state whether this cultivation resulted in the production of better fruit.

22 Additional Members

The revival that closed at the local Methodist church last week resulted in an increase of 22 members. Despite the inclement weather at times the attendance was large. The audiences enjoyed the fine sermons.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FRIDAY NIGHT

Dr. H. T. Hunter of Cullowhee to Deliver Address—Dr. H. B. Trimble of Asheville Will Preach Sermon to Graduating Class.

The graduating exercises of the Macon county high school will take place here Thursday and Friday nights of this week. On Thursday night the commencement sermon will be preached by Dr. H. B. Trimble, pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Asheville. On Friday night Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of the Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee, will deliver the address to the graduating class. Approximately 30 seniors will receive diplomas at the hands of Prof. G. L. Houk. During the present year there were enrolled in the local high school 335 pupils. This enrollment is believed to be one of the largest, if not the largest among the high schools of Western North Carolina.

Nursing School Invites Public

The graduating class of the Angel Brothers' Nursing School will hold commencement exercises at the Baptist church at 8 o'clock on May 31. The class extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the exercises. Several members of the local Baptist church are attending this school.

Mrs. W. G. Wilkie is chairman of the committee to decorate the church for the occasion. The welcome address will be made by Miss Elizabeth Kelley after which will come a song by the girls of the church. Dr. W. M. Lee will deliver the commencement sermon and Dr. Furman Angel will present the diplomas. Rev. R. E. Mock, pastor of the local Methodist church, will then pronounce the benediction.

Highlands News

Mrs. W. T. Potts of Highlands died at her home here on Wednesday, May 15. At the funeral, which was held Thursday the Baptist church was crowded to the limit with friends who gathered to pay their last respects to an honored citizen of the town.

Among the new arrivals in Highlands this week is Mr. Bob King of Anderson, S. C., owner of King's Inn; Miss Rebecca S. Harris, Havana, Cuba, Mr. Antonio Bas, Asheville and Havana, and Mr. Douglas of Fla.

Week ends in Carolina's highest summer resort are beginning to find many visitors from sister states. Clemson College was represented strongly, this week end with about thirty in the party. Several other tourists were in Highlands for the week end. From all indications this season will be a very prosperous one.

A few of the young people of Highlands enjoyed a camping and fishing trip at Cline's Lakes Saturday and Sunday. The party included Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Hall, Jr., Misses Caroline Hall, Eloise and Elizabeth Rice, Ethel Calloway, Louise Edwards, Helen Holt, Messrs Antonio Bas, Harry Holt, Jack Hall, T. L. Tolar, Albert Wiley and Henry Wright.

Several public dances have been given lately, having a large attendance. Highlands Inn has been the scene of most of these dances.

Flowers of unusual beauty were seen at the Highlands Tea Room on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Among them were the rare yellow lady-slipper, which belongs to the orchid family, and another rare flower, the red trillium.

Prisoners Cost Too Much

According to an announcement made here last Friday all Macon county prisoners will be kept in the Swain county jail. It is said that the entire charge for keeping the prisoners there will be 90 cents each per day. The charge at the Macon county jail was only 75 cents per day for board, but turnkey costs, fuel, water and lights ran the cost up to an excessive figure states J. O. Harrison, chairman of the board.

Planning Country Lines

J. H. Smith, district manager of The Jupollo Public Service company, spent last Friday in Franklin. While here he stated that his company is now at work on plans by which it will be feasible to build power and light lines into rural sections of Macon county. It is understood that these plans will be ready in the near future.